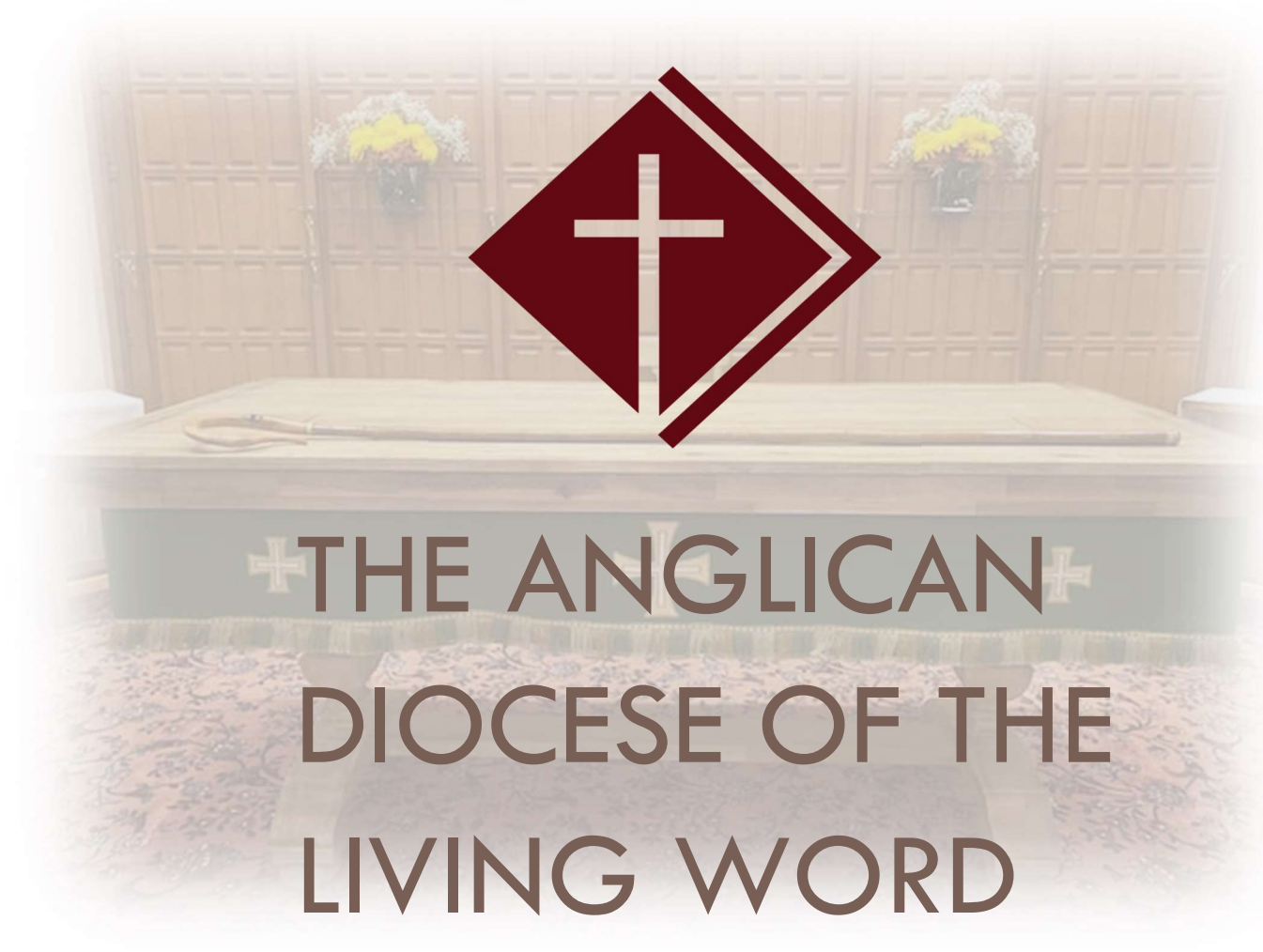

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF THE LIVING WORD

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Who we are.

A diocese that contends for the faith once for all delivered to the saints.
A member of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Guided by the Holy Scriptures, the Creeds, the XXXIX Articles of Religion, and the Jerusalem Declaration.

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WHO WE ARE.

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From the halls of international power to the most rural settings, we have the opportunity to boldly profess our fundamental and unwavering commitment to the historic Faith "once for all entrusted to the saints" as expressed in Holy Scriptures and declared in the creeds.

With abundant opportunity, however, comes great responsibility: Our prophetic voice must never vacillate. We must be--to the Church, the nation, and the world--a voice that heralds the Good News and confronts a dying and sinful culture with the unchanging love and transforming power of Jesus Christ.

Because the life of the Church arises out of the vibrancy of local congregations, the greatest focus of our Diocese is the health and growth of our existing congregations and the gospel mission that Christ has called us to embrace together as his disciples.

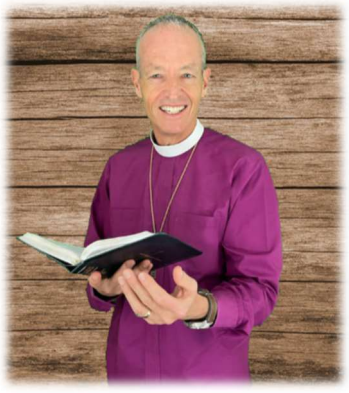
Congregations in The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word are empowered to be guided by the Holy Spirit and Scripture as they define and plan the ministries that will have a dynamic impact on their communities. Our congregations represent a great diversity of cultures and customs and they are supported to express their worship and ministry in ways that are both true to their Anglican Faith and honor their traditions. To be an Anglican, then, is not to embrace a distinct version of Christianity, but a distinct way of being a "Mere Christian," at the same time evangelical, apostolic, catholic, reformed, and Spirit-filled.

The Rt. Rev. Julian Dobbs

Bishop Julian Mark Dobbs is the Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word and has oversight of the clergy and congregations in the diocese. He and his wife Brenda, have made their home in Northern Virginia since 2006.

Ordained in 1991, he planted three congregations and served as the rector of the fastest growing Anglican church in New Zealand. He was elected and consecrated as bishop by the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) in 2011, and is a member of the College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA).

Bishop Julian is passionate about the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is committed to empowering congregations, supporting clergy, transforming injustice, inspiring local and global mission, and church planting.



The Rt. Rev. Julian Mark Dobbs

Vital Statistics

The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word stretches from Maine to Miami and from the Bay Bridge to Long Island. Headquartered in Manassas, Virginia, just outside Washington DC. We are home to 39 congregations and 96 clergy.

The diocese is committed to the growth of existing congregations, the planting of new mission works, and the development of lay and ordained ministry. The bishop meets monthly with the diocesan clergy via video meeting and the clergy gather annually for a clergy and spouse retreat and together with lay delegates, for the annual synod of the diocese. A college of deacons serves the diaconal ministry of the diocese and church planters meet regularly with the Canon for Church Planting. Our radically committed corps of chaplains minister to those outside of the parish context, serving in prisons, hospitals, schools, and the United States Armed Forces.

Synod 2018, Church of the Good Shepherd Binghamton, NY

Diocesan Staff

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THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA

The Anglican Church in North America unites 127,000 Anglicans in 972 congregations across the United States, Canada, and Mexico into a single Church. On April 16, 2009 it was recognized as a province of the global Anglican Communion, by the Primates of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach is the Archbishop of the Church.

Members of the Anglican Church in North America are in the mainstream, both globally and historically, of Christianity – the biblically-faithful way of following Jesus and being part of the 3"One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." As Anglicans, this orthodoxy is defined by and centered on our church's classic formularies – the Book of Common Prayer, including the Ordinal, and the Thirty-nine Articles – which all point back to the authority of the Holy Bible and articulate foundational principles of the Anglican tradition throughout the world. We wholeheartedly embrace the Jerusalem Declaration, the founding declaration of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans.

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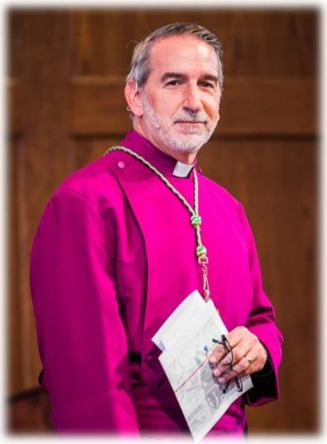
IN NORTH AMERICA

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

The Most Reverend Doctor Foley Beach was elected the Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America on June 22, 2014. He is also the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the South, headquartered in a suburb of Atlanta, Georgia. In June of 2018, he was elected by Archbishops from around the world to Chair the Primates Council of the Global Anglican Future Conference, a renewal movement within the Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Beach is a graduate of Georgia State University, the University of the South, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He began his ministry by serving teenagers through Young Life. Prior to serving as archbishop and bishop, he planted and led Holy Cross Anglican Church in Loganville, Georgia.



The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

Book of Common Prayer 2019

The *Book of Common Prayer 2019* is the product of the new era of reform and restoration that has created the Anglican Church in North America. The Jerusalem Declaration of 2008 located itself within the historic confines of what is authentically the Christian Faith and the Anglican patrimony, and sought to restore their fullness and beauty.

The *Book of Common Prayer (2019)* is indisputably true to Cranmer's originating vision of a form of prayers and praises that is thoroughly Biblical, catholic in the manner of the early centuries, highly participatory in delivery, peculiarly Anglican and English in its roots, culturally adaptive and missional in a most remarkable way, utterly accessible to the people and whose repetitions intended to form the faithful catechetically and to give them doxological voice.

GLOBAL ANGLICAN FUTURE CONFERENCE (GAFCON)

The Gafcon movement is a global family of authentic Anglicans standing together to retain and restore the Bible to the heart of the Anglican Communion. Our mission is to guard the unchanging, transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ and to proclaim Him to the world. We are founded on the Bible, bound together by the Jerusalem Statement and Declaration of 2008, and led by a Primates Council which represents the majority of the world's Anglicans.

GAFCON Bishops and Archbishops

Gafcon works to guard and proclaim the unchanging, transforming Gospel through biblically faithful preaching and teaching which frees our churches to make disciples by clear and certain witness to Jesus Christ in all the world.

The Gafcon journey began in 2008 when moral compromise, doctrinal error and the collapse of biblical witness in parts of the Anglican communion had reached such a level that the leaders of the majority of the world's Anglicans believed it was necessary to take a united stand for truth. A crowd of more than one thousand witnesses, including Primates, Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and lay leaders gathered in Jerusalem for the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON).

The second conference, GAFCON 2013, was held in Nairobi, Kenya in 2013, at which over 1,300 delegates from 38 nations and 27 Provinces of the Anglican Communion were present. The gathering gave the Primates a mandate, through the Nairobi Communiqué and Commitment, to take forward the work of the Gafcon movement. We look for the prayer and financial support of Anglicans around the world who long for a clear and certain witness to Jesus Christ as Lord.

The third GAFCON was held in Jerusalem, Israel in 2018. Gafcon 2018 was one of the largest global Anglican gatherings and brought together 1,950 representatives from 50 countries, including 316 bishops, 669 other

GAFCON
GLOBAL ANGLICANS

clergy and 965 laity. The theme of the conference was “Proclaiming Christ Faithfully to the Nations”. GAFCON 2018 showed that Gafcon had matured and the launch of nine global strategic networks were launched to continue in proclaiming Christ faithfully.

A further conference was held in 2019 for those who for political reasons couldn't attend Jerusalem 2018. The delegates gathered in Dubai for 'G19', a conference for faithful Christians in 'restricted situations'. The final statement spoke powerfully of the sense of betrayal they have experienced when the very gospel for which they are suffering is being undermined and denied in other parts of the Anglican Communion. A tenth network for the 'Suffering Church' was requested and later approved by the Primates at the Sydney meeting in April 2019.

GAFCON 2018 attendees on the Temple steps in Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Statement

In the name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit:

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, have met in the land of Jesus' birth. We express our loyalty as disciples to the King of kings, the Lord Jesus. We joyfully embrace his command to proclaim the reality of his kingdom which he first announced in this land. The gospel of the kingdom is the good news of salvation, liberation and transformation for all. In light of the above, we agree to chart a way forward together that promotes and protects the biblical gospel and mission to the world, solemnly declaring the following tenets of orthodoxy which underpin our Anglican identity.

We rejoice in the gospel of God through which we have been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Because God first loved us, we love him and as believers bring forth fruits of love, ongoing repentance, lively hope and thanksgiving to God in all things.

We believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God written and to contain all things necessary for salvation. The Bible is to be translated, read, preached, taught and obeyed in its plain and canonical sense, respectful of the church's historic and consensual reading.

We uphold the four Ecumenical Councils and the three historic Creeds as expressing the rule of faith of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We uphold the Thirty-nine Articles as containing the true doctrine of the Church agreeing with God's Word and as authoritative for Anglicans today.

We gladly proclaim and submit to the unique and universal Lordship of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, humanity's only Saviour from sin, judgement and hell, who lived the life we could not live and died the death that we deserve. By his atoning death and glorious resurrection, he secured the redemption of all who come to him in repentance and faith.

We rejoice in our Anglican sacramental and liturgical heritage as an expression of the gospel, and we uphold the 1662 Book of Common Prayer as a true and authoritative standard of worship and prayer, to be translated and locally adapted for each culture.

We recognise that God has called and gifted bishops, priests and deacons in historic succession to equip all the people of God for their ministry in the world. We uphold the classic Anglican Ordinal as an authoritative standard of clerical orders.

We acknowledge God's creation of humankind as male and female and the unchangeable standard of Christian marriage between one man and one woman as the proper place for sexual intimacy and the basis of the family. We repent of our failures to maintain this standard and call for a renewed commitment to lifelong fidelity in marriage and abstinence for those who are not married.

We gladly accept the Great Commission of the risen Lord to make disciples of all nations, to seek those who do not know Christ and to baptise, teach and bring new believers to maturity.

We are mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of God's creation, to uphold and advocate justice in society, and to seek relief and empowerment of the poor and needy.

We are committed to the unity of all those who know and love Christ and to building authentic ecumenical relationships. We recognise the orders and jurisdiction of those Anglicans who uphold orthodox faith and practice, and we encourage them to join us in this declaration.

We celebrate the God-given diversity among us which enriches our global fellowship, and we acknowledge freedom in secondary matters. We pledge to work together to seek the mind of Christ on issues that divide us.

We reject the authority of those churches and leaders who have denied the orthodox faith in word or deed. We pray for them and call on them to repent and return to the Lord.

We rejoice at the prospect of Jesus' coming again in glory, and while we await this final event of history, we praise him for the way he builds up his church through his Spirit by miraculously changing lives.

The Road Ahead

We believe the Holy Spirit has led us during this week in Jerusalem to begin a new work. There are many important decisions for the development of this fellowship which will take more time, prayer and deliberation. Among other matters, we shall seek to expand participation in this fellowship beyond those who have come to Jerusalem, including cooperation with the Global South and the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa. We can, however, discern certain milestones on the road ahead.

Primates' Council

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, do hereby acknowledge the participating Primates of GAFCON who have called us together, and encourage them to form the initial Council of the GAFCON movement. We look forward to the enlargement of the Council and entreat the Primates to organise and expand the fellowship of confessing Anglicans.

We urge the Primates' Council to authenticate and recognise confessing Anglican jurisdictions, clergy and congregations and to encourage all Anglicans to promote the gospel and defend the faith.

We recognise the desirability of territorial jurisdiction for provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion, except in those areas where churches and leaders are denying the orthodox faith or are preventing its spread, and in a few areas for which overlapping jurisdictions are beneficial for historical or cultural reasons.

We thank God for the courageous actions of those Primates and provinces who have offered orthodox oversight to churches under false leadership, especially in North and South America. The actions of these Primates have been a positive response to pastoral necessities and mission opportunities. We believe that such actions will continue to be necessary and we support them in offering help around the world.

We believe this is a critical moment when the Primates' Council will need to put in place structures to lead and support the church. In particular, we believe the time is now ripe for the formation of a province in North America for the federation currently known as Common Cause Partnership to be recognised by the Primates' Council.

Conclusion: Message from Jerusalem

We, the participants in the Global Anglican Future Conference, were summoned by the Primates' leadership team to Jerusalem in June 2008 to deliberate on the crisis that has divided the Anglican Communion for the past decade and to seek direction for the future. We have visited holy sites, prayed together, listened to

God's Word preached and expounded, learned from various speakers and teachers, and shared our thoughts and hopes with each other.

The meeting in Jerusalem this week was called in a sense of urgency that a false gospel has so paralysed the Anglican Communion that this crisis must be addressed. The chief threat of this dispute involves the compromising of the integrity of the church's worldwide mission. The primary reason we have come to Jerusalem and issued this declaration is to free our churches to give clear and certain witness to Jesus Christ.

It is our hope that this Statement on the Global Anglican Future will be received with comfort and joy by many Anglicans around the world who have been distressed about the direction of the Communion. We believe the Anglican Communion should and will be reformed around the biblical gospel and mandate to go into all the world and present Christ to the nations.

Jerusalem
Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul
29 June 2008

The Most Rev. Peter Akinola

With Archdeacon Jerome Cayangyang, rector of Bishop Seabury Anglican Church in Gales Ferry, CT, at his promotion to the rank of Captain in the Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy.

St. Augustine's, Westerville, OH

Christ the King, Pine Knot, KY

Holy Trinity, Austell, GA

Holy Trinity, Hillsdale, MI

Restoration Anglican, Miami, FL

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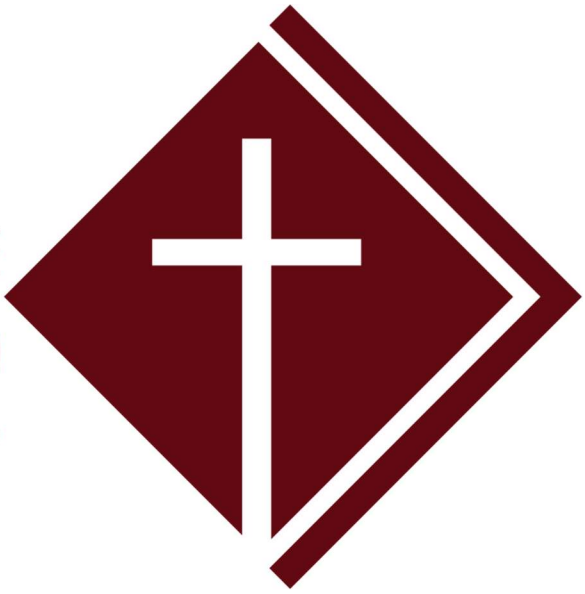

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